Examination Bye-Laws 1995 of the Board provides for verification of marks. Out of the number of 25,562 candidates who had applied for rechecking of Marks for Class XII Examination held in 1997, marks have been changed in 1009 cases as a result of rechecking so far. The process of rechecking of the 1997 examination is still going on.

(c) and (d) The Board does not consider it administratively feasible to change the existing system to re-evaluation.

Protection of Neglected Monuments

1164. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several monuments in the country are not being maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India because of paucity of funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government to protect the monuments neglected by the Archaeological survey of India?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (c) The maintenance and conservation of centrally protected monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India is a continuous process. These monuments are inspected regularly by the officers of the Archaeological Survey of India. Conservation measures are taken up according to the actual requirements of the monuments.

Introduction of yoga practice in schools

1165. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH "SURYA": Will the Minister of HU MAN .RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pelascd to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce yoga practice in schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government would consider this matter and implement it in a phased manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Promotion of Yoga in Schools since 1989-90. Under the Scheme, assitance was given to States/UTs and yoga institutions of repute for training yoga teachers. Funds were given for inrastructure viz. construction of hostel for teacher trainees and upgradation of library and boarding and lodging/incidentals for teacher trainees @ Rs.600/- p.m. per trainee. As against the 8th Plan target to cover 7500 teachers under this Scheme, assistance for training was given to 7383 teachers. This Scheme is scheduled to be wound up from the current financial year (1997-98). However, action is being taken to integrate yoga as a part of the regular school syllabus.

Discrimination Against yoga Teacher in Kendriya Vidyalayas

1166. SHRI BRATIN SEN GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even after 16 years of service the Yoga teachers of Central Schools do not enjoy senior scale;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any steps arc being taken to grant senior scale to Yoga teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Yoga teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas have been kept in the pay scale of 1400-2300 whereas other teachers have been kept in the pay scale of Rs. 1400-2600; and

(c) if so, whether the discrimination towards Yoga teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas will be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed